

at least four curved arms adapted to substantially rest on the curved surface of the bowling ball, said arms including length measurement indicators, said arms connected with and extending from said base portion;

wherein at least two of said arms are adapted to rotate about the center of said semi-spherical base portion; and

whereby said center contacts the curved surface of the bowling ball and said at least four arms extend along the curved surface of the bowling ball when laying out the bowling ball.

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Twice Amended) The device in claim 1, wherein:

at least one of said plurality of arms defines an arc of at least 90 degrees.

Please amend claim 8 as follows:

8. (Twice Amended) A device for laying out a bowling ball, said device comprising:

a semi-spherical base portion adapted to substantially rest on a curved surface of the bowling ball, said base portion defined by a solid perimeter portion including degree indicators, a substantially open middle portion, and a center portion, including a center aperture, joined with said perimeter portion; and

at least four curved arms adapted to substantially rest on the curved surface of the bowling ball, said arms including length measurement indicators, said arms connected with and extending from said center portion of said semi-spherical base portion;

wherein at least two of said angle indicator arms are adapted to rotate about said center aperture of said center portion; and

whereby said semi-spherical base portion contacts a curved surface of the bowling ball and said at least four curved arms extend along the curved surface of the bowling ball when laying out the bowling ball.

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

10. (Twice Amended) The device in claim 8, wherein:

at least one of said plurality of arms defines an arc of at least 90 degrees.

Please amend claim 13 as follows:

13. (Once Amended) The device in claim 8, wherein:

an edge of each of said at least four arms is aligned with the center of said center aperture in said center portion.

Claim 15 has been amended as follows:

15. (Twice Amended) A device for laying out a bowling ball, said device comprising:

a semi-spherical base portion adapted to substantially rest on a curved surface of the bowling ball, the perimeter of said base portion including degree indicators and the center of said base portion including an aperture; and

at least three curved arms adapted to substantially rest on the curved surface of the bowling ball, said arms including length measurement indicators, said arms connected with and extending from said semi-spherical base portion;

wherein at least one of said arms is adapted to rotate about the center of said semi-spherical base portion; and

whereby said semi-spherical base portion contacts a curved surface of a bowling ball and said at least three arms extend along the curved surface of the bowling ball when laying out the bowling ball.

Claim 19 has been amended as follows:

19. (Once Amended) The device in claim 15, wherein:

an edge of each of said at least three arms is aligned with the center of said aperture in said base portion.

Claim 22 has been amended as follows:

22. (Twice Amended) A device for laying out a bowling ball having a spherical shape and a curved outer surface, said device comprising:

a semi-spherical base portion adapted to substantially rest on a curved surface of the bowling ball, said base portion defined by a center portion including degree indicators and including a center aperture; and

at least four curved arms adapted to substantially rest on the curved surface of the bowling ball including length measurement indicators, said arms connected with and extending from said center portion of said semi-spherical base portion;

wherein at least two of said arms are adapted to rotate about said center aperture of said center portion; and

whereby said semi-spherical base portion contacts the curved outer surface of the bowling ball and said at least four curved arms extend along the curved outer surface of the bowling ball when laying out the bowling ball.

Claim 26 has been amended as follows:

26. (Once Amended) The device in claim 22, wherein:

an edge of each of said at least four arms is aligned with the center of said center aperture in said center portion.

Claim 44 has been amended as follows:

44. (Twice Amended) A device for laying out a bowling ball, said device comprising:

a semi-spherical base portion, having a center adapted to substantially rest on a curved surface of the bowling ball; and

at least two curved arms adapted to substantially rest on the curved surface of the bowling ball connected with and extending from the base portion;

wherein a third arm is curved to extend along the curved surface of the bowling ball, and is adapted to rotate about the center of said base portion; and

whereby said center contacts a curved surface of the bowling ball and said at least two curved arms extend along the curved surface of the bowling ball when laying out the bowling ball.

REMARKS

Claims 1-19, 21-26, 28, and 44 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 8, 15, 22, and 44 being independent claims. In brief review, claim 3 is objected to for informalities, claims 3 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and claims 1-19, 21-26, 28, and 44 are rejected as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103.